

# The Overport Times

## From the Principal's Desk

### Vegetable Garden and Fair Working Parties

Last week, an enthusiastic group of dads, Tom Straford, Bill Mallinson, James Bleackley, James Lorimer and Ian Richardson, worked tirelessly all through Saturday to develop our beds for the vegetable garden. While there is still a bit to finish, which Tom is addressing, the end result was fantastic. As a community we need to express our appreciation. This will be an exciting learning program for the children next year. Our teachers are looking forward to including this in our environmental program.

As well as this, an enthusiastic band of parents met with Parents Club and Fair committee members to sort and check our stall and tents,



and map out appropriate areas in the grounds for our fair next year. It was a very successful and targeted day.

Thank you to you all.



### Canteen 2014

Earlier this year School Council had discussions concerning its financial viability of our canteen. Following much discussion, to ensure we are able to continue to offer this valuable service to our school community, we will reduce the days offered. From 2014, the canteen will only open from Wednesday to Friday and be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Monica Champion has agreed to continue to run this program for us. School Council will review this again next year.

### ~ PLEASE NOTE ~

*From term 1 2014, the newsletter will no longer be printed.*

*It will be available to download from Tiqbiz or accessed via our website: [www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au)*

### Diary Dates



**Tuesday 19th November**

Education Sub committee

**Wed 20th November**

Buildings and Grounds sub committee

**Friday 22nd November**

Milk & Cookie Day

**Monday 25th November**

- School Council
- Last Book Club Due

**Tuesday 17th December**

Yr6 Graduation

**Thurs 19th December**

Whole School activity

**Friday 20th December**

Last day Term 4

1.30pm dismissal

**Thursday 30th January**

First Day Term 1, 2014

Thought for the week

*Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds!*

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*Principal article cont'd...*

**Billy Cart Day**

Our Senior students had a wonderful time on Billy Cart Day. As well as hearing a lot of laughter and comments like “Go faster!” “I can’t...my legs have had it!” as they pushed each other around in the billy carts in the hall, they still rose to the challenge. The program is designed to help build children’s confidence, resilience and belief in themselves.

**Whole School Transition Program**

Tomorrow is the last day of our November whole school transition program. The staff are now developing grades for the coming year based on what they know of our students. On the state-wide transition day, Tuesday 10th December, the children look forward with anticipation to finding out their teacher and classmates for the coming year.

**Swimming Program**

Our swimming is finalised this week. The students have been enjoying the program as usual and the teachers have commented on their enthusiasm. Thank you to Mr Bryant for his organisation.

**Casual Dress Day for Ronin**

Thank you to all the students that supported our casual dress day to raise funds to send Ronin to represent the school and the state at the Nationals in Queensland. We wish him every success at the high jump.

*Kind Regards,*

*Julie Gleeson, Principal.*

**Our School rules:  
Be Safe. Be responsible.  
Be respectful. Be a learner!**

**SCHOOL DRESS RUN-OUT SALE!!**

Grab a bargain!

\$5 each

New dresses—old fabric

4 x Size 14 and 6 x Size 16

(No other sizes available)

Buy from school office until sold out.

**‘OVERPORT CARES’ AWARDS**



These certificates are awarded at assembly each week for children who have excelled in an academic or social endeavour throughout the previous week.

Abby OPA, Charlotte OPB, Dylan OPC,  
Whole class 1A, Whole class 1B, Ruby 1C,  
Jasmine 2A, All of 2B, Kendall 2C, Janet 3A, Jai 3B,  
Shae 3/4C, Lachlan 4A, Alex 4B, Zack 5A,  
Kourtney 5B, Alesha 5C, Mahley 6A, Emmett 6B  
& Angus 6C

**Canteen News**

**Milk & Cookie Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No lunch orders or counter sales. Children need to bring their lunch, drinks and snacks.

**The last day for canteen will be  
Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

We will be running stock down from now on, I will advise where possible when items are unavailable.

Up & Go is no longer available and this item is not being reordered.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The library will be closed over weeks 8 and 9 due to the library being moved into its new space. Could all children please endeavour to get their books returned as quickly as possible so that we can ensure they are included when we set up the new library space. There will be a treat for all children who return their books quickly.

**LAST Book Club for 2013**

All orders due back on: Monday 25th November 2013

Please remind students:

- ◇ To place all orders in envelopes clearly marked with their Name and Class
- ◇ To have the correct amount of money
- ◇ All Cheques payable to Scholastic

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ARTICLE

Payment information for 2014 has been sent home tonight with your child. This information is colour coded for each year level, so be aware of this when you are filling out names if you have more than one child. You will notice that our payments are structured in a slightly different format than in previous years. Each amount is described on the cover letter, however if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact the office. A number of forms of payment that will be accepted: full payment, instalments or payment plan. Payments can be made any time from now at the school office.

For next year we have introduced an incursion/excursion levy for each year level, which will cover payments for these events throughout next year. Please be aware that each individual activity will still require signed parent permission. You will be able to indicate on your child's excursion notice that you have already paid the excursion levy, or that you are paying by instalments.

Notification regarding our end of year whole school picnic was sent home earlier this week. There is a \$3.00 charge for this event, with our Parents Club subsidising the sausage sizzle which will be included on the day. Please return permission forms and payment as soon as possible. This event will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able to assist with our sausage sizzle, please let your child's teacher know as soon as you can.

Frankston City Council has asked us to remind our school community that the annual Christmas Festival of Lights will be taking place in Davey St under the 100 year old Norfolk Pine on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Activities and entertainment begin from 5.00pm, with a fireworks display and tree lighting ceremony at 9.30pm.

This week sees an end to our swimming program for this year. Our students have really enjoyed their



lessons again this year, and Lisa has commented to me on how she looks forward to having Overport at the pool. The teachers are so

well organised, and our students so well behaved. Well done everyone!

Have a restful weekend everyone,

**Deborah Madder** Assistant Principal

## PARENT CLUB NEWS

A big thank you to the people that came and joined us on Saturday for the Twilight fair working bee.

We managed to sort out the marquees and discuss the stage and stall placements. It was really great to get lots of ideas and input from more people. We will need many hands on deck on March 21st 2014 so please let us know if you will be able to help on the day.

And thanks to those who helped Bill & Tom in the veggie patch area...the guys worked until after 3pm. We now have some garden beds (though I think they still need to be leveled and then filled) and a trough to wash hands in (yes, there will be taps there soon!). Let Bill know if you want to be involved in future veggie patch working bees.

Our last Parents' club meeting for 2014 is next Monday 25th November at 9am in the community portable near the big adventure playground ... all welcome (including babies and toddlers of course). We will have a bit of a breakup so BYO a plate of food if you get a chance to. Parents club is a great way to find out more about what is going on at the school and meet other parents too. We'd love to see some new faces there!

## Cereal Boxes Wanted!! for Grade 1 and 2 Japanese Lessons

I have made a request to all Grade 1 and 2 students. If you have clean cereal boxes (**please do not send boxes where nuts have been an ingredient**), could you please bring to the school by next Tuesday? We need the boxes to make some toys to experiment their movement.

*Arigatou gozaimasu (Thank you very much)*  
*Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated their birthdays this week.

Archie 2A, Matt 4A, Tyler 4A,  
Anzali 6A, Milli 6B, Lisa 2B,  
Olivia OPC, Henry 6A, Yazmin 1B,  
Jordan 4B, Alex 4A



## Extend OSHC at Overport Primary School

Our weekly recap

Last week we played board games, the children especially enjoyed playing twister. Snakes and Ladders was another favourite. This week we had fun creating lots of things that remind us of spring. The room looks bright and cheerful.

We did some brainstorming with the children to find out what Christmas art and crafts they would like to do next week. The room is going to look great. Hats are a must for the hot summer months. Please ensure children have either their school hats or a similar hat that they can keep in their bags so they can go outside to play in the afternoons. **Kelly**

### Next week's activities:

Monday 25 November:  
Spring Chickens  
Tuesday 26 November:  
Daffodils  
Wednesday 27 November:  
Daisy chains  
Thursday 28 November:  
Cherry blossoms trees  
Friday 29 November:  
Egg carton insects



Summer School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at a School near you!

Monday 9 December to Friday 20 December\* and Monday 6 January to Friday 24 January\*

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Festive and Summer activities! Visit the Extend website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

December bookings close Friday 29 November and January bookings close Monday 16 December – book now to avoid disappointment.

*\*Dates vary according to program*

## enrolment hotline

Phone our **friendly** customer service staff on: **1300 366 437**  
[www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)



## School Holiday Program

Summer  
2013/2014



December  
bookings close:  
Friday 29 November

January  
bookings close:  
Monday 16 December

Monday 9 December to Friday 20 December\*

Monday 6 January to Friday 31 January\*

*\*Dates vary according to program*

### VIC locations

- Bangholme
- Brunswick East
- Caulfield
- Endeavour Hills
- Kew
- Mt. Eliza
- Ormond
- Sandringham East
- Sunbury
- Upwey
- Wodonga West



The non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate applies!

For timetables, activity descriptions, and to book, visit:

[extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)  
1300 366 437

## Our school has an app

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep you fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.



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